

Operating Systems

Tutorial 2 & 16

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Describe the effect of mounting a file system

An XFS containing a file `/foo/bar` is mounted as
`/mnt/etras` in an ext3 file system

Depict the resulting name space and describe the resolution for

`/mnt/etras/foo/bar/baz`

How does contiguous allocation work?

Pros and cons of this approach

How does linked allocation work?

What is the major problem?

What is the basic idea of a file allocation table (FAT)?

How does indexed allocation work?

How can indexed allocation be modified to allow for very large files without increasing the index block size?

What is the maximum file size?

Disk Block 8KB

Block Address 4 Bytes

- Inode
- 12 references to direct blocks
 - 1 reference to a single, double and triple indirect block

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How can directories be implemented?

What information is stored in them?

What are hard links?

What are symbolic links?

How do you create the following links on GNU/Linux?

A hard link h to file f and a symbolic link s to the same file

What happens if you rename f to g ?

Is the file still accessible via the links?

Would the same be true if you had copied f to g and then removed f ?

What happens if you now create a new file £?

What is the benefit of symbolic links?

Your bitmap or list of free blocks has been corrupted

How to recover from this situation?

What is the basic idea of a file system cache in memory?

Pros and cons of a fixed limit between file system cache and main memory area used for paging

Some systems offer read ahead

Discuss pros and cons

The End

